Graduates in Muvattupuzha and Devicolam taluks.

115. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of graduates in Muvattupuzha and Devicolam taluks;

(*b*) the number of Government officials in the service from these two taluks who are drawing a salary of Rs. 100 and above; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the representation of these two taluks in the public service is very low?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Information is not available.

(*c*) No.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the source from which I can get that information?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Any source other than the Government, Sir, that the honourable member may resort to.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether are the employees from Muvattupuzha in Government service?

PRESIDENT: How can we know that? Unless a census is ordered it is not possible to know that.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the answer for the second part of the question?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, it is up to the honourable member to take a census of the graduates in his own constituency. Government are not prepared to do that for him.

Heads of Departments in the State.

116. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement, by caste, of the Heads of Departments in the State?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The member is referred to the Quarterly Civil List.

Department for the Uplift of Backward Communities.

117. *MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any suggestions to give more power and status to the Protector and field officers of the backward communities;

(*b*) if so, what is the decision of the Government;

(*c*) if the Government had decided to give any power and status to the Protector and field officers, what is the grade of their power and status;

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(*d*) whether there is any suggestion to make the Protector a full-time officer;

(*e*) if so, what action was taken by the Government;

(*f*) when the Protector is engaged in some other business outside Travancore who is responsible for the troubles that occur to the backward communities;

(*g*) whether there is any suggestion to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Protector to redress the difficulties of the backward communities when the Protector is outside the State;

(*h*) if so, what action was taken by the Government; and

(*i*) whether there is any suggestion to increase the sum of about Rs. 87,000 to 3 lakhs of rupees for the uplift of the backward communities?

MR. G NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No action was considered necessary.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No action was considered necessary.

(*f*) The question is not understood.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (g).

(*i*) No.

Agricultural income-tax.

118. ***MR. P. M. VARGHESE:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of agricultural income tax collected from each of the taluks of Thodupuzha, Muvattupuzha and Minachil in the years 1118 and 1119;

(*b*) which taluk in the State tops the list in the matter of agricultural income tax and what is the amount of collection there in each of the years 1118 and 1119;

(*c*) whether they are aware that in assessing the income of agriculturists, especially those not in the habit of keeping regular accounts there are innumerable difficulties experienced; and

(*d*) if so, what are the measures adopted to overcome them?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) No agricultural income tax was collected during the year 1118 as the Agricultural Income Tax Act came into force only in 1119. Talukwar statistics of agricultural income tax collected are not available, for, in most cases, the agricultural holdings of assessees are scattered over different taluks.

(*b*) In view of answer to (*a*) this does not arise.

(*c*) Some difficulty is being experienced in assessing the agriculturists who are not in the habit of keeping regular accounts.

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